

Clean Version of Replacement Claims:

1. (Twice Amended) A data repository system to allow a seller to store a data item that the seller wishes to sell electronically to a buyer for a fee, said repository system comprising:
- a) a data storage;
 - b) an information storage; and
 - c) a monetary storage having a seller's account and a buyer's account, wherein
 - (i) the data storage is used to store the data item; and
 - (ii) the information storage is for posting the fee for downloading the data item from the data storage, and the buyer deposits the fund in the monetary storage prior to downloading the data item; wherein said data repository system further comprises a program means capable of communicating with the data storage, the information storage and the monetary storage so as to store a fund deposited by the buyer to pay for downloading the data item into the buyer's account;
 - (iii) to allow the buyer to download a portion of the data item so that the buyer may review the data item without the possibility of downloading the data item in its entirety without paying the seller;
 - (iv) to deduct a monetary sum from the deposited fund according the posted fee in the information storage;
 - (v) to allow the buyer to download the data item from the data storage; and
 - (vi) to credit the monetary sum to the seller's account, wherein the fee for downloading the data item has a range specified by the Seller and defined by a maximum amount, and a minimum amount wherein the maximum amount is the fee posted by the Seller, and a minimum amount is what the Seller is willing to collect from the buyer for downloading the data item so that the buyer is allowed to download the data item if the buyer's proposed monetary sum for

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17. (Twice Amended) A method of providing a service by a service provider to allow a seller to electronically sell a data item for a fee to a buyer who downloads the data item through a telecommunication network, said method comprising the steps of:

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- a) storing the data item in a data repository;
 - b) depositing a fund in the data repository;
 - c) downloading a portion of the data item so that the buyer may review a portion of the data item without the possibility of downloading the entire data item without paying the seller;
 - d) downloading the data item from the repository; and
 - e) deducting a monetary sum from the fund and crediting the deducted sum to the seller, wherein the fee for downloading the data item in its entirety has a range specified by the Seller and defined by a maximum amount, and a minimum amount wherein the maximum amount is the fee posted by the Seller, and a minimum amount is what the Seller is willing to collect from the buyer for downloading the data item so that the buyer is allowed to download the data item if the buyer's proposed monetary sum for downloading the data item is greater or equal to the minimum amount specified by the seller.
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